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Around D-M

Volunteer medals

Service members who volunteer in the local community may be eligible for the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

To qualify for the MOVSM, a person's volunteer service must:

- ☐ Be to the civilian community, to include the military family community;
- ☐ Be significant in nature and produce tangible results;
- ☐ Reflect favorably on the Air Force and the Department of Defense; and
- ☐ Be of a sustained and direct nature.

There is no specific time period to qualify for the MOVSM, however, the service should merit the special recognition afforded by this medal.

The overall level of volunteer participation and impact of an individual's community service is key to determining whether award of the MOVSM is justified.

For more information about the MOVSM, call the military personnel flight's award and decorations office at 8-4456 or Clayton Moore, the base volunteer resources coordinator, at 8-6042.

**Days since
last D-M DUI:**

37



**Need a ride? Call Airmen
Against Drunk Driving
at 850-2233.**

(Current as of Thursday)



Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes

Dining hall with a twist

Senior Airman Michael Fabsits, 355th Services Squadron, sets up the Mobile Kitchen Trailer Monday during the Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise set up. The mobile kitchen provided round-the-clock hot meals and meals-ready-to-eat for exercise participants during the four-day exercise.

D-M creates leading-edge program

Base team develops first fully-interactive, online briefing room

By Staff Sgt. Karin Wickwire
Public affairs

A three-man team is using multimedia technology to launch Davis Monthan A-10 student and instructor pilots into a world where they have never gone before – a totally digital, fully interactive, online briefing room.

Briefing Room Interactive originally began as a tool to bring multimedia information into the pilot's briefing room to augment the traditional mission briefings, according to Lt. Col. Stan Harmon, 355th Operations Support Squadron Chief of Information Technologies.

"However, we have gone so far beyond the original intent, that traditional pilot briefings, done with manual drawing boards, photo books, paper documents and video on tape,

will soon be a thing of the past."

Training mission briefings can take instructor pilots hours to prepare because they spend valuable time gathering a variety of flight planning information, reviewing reference documents, determining student learning objectives, preparing whatever video tapes might be needed, etc. "For the most part, these are routine things a pilot has to do to prepare for every mission – this part of mission planning doesn't necessarily teach anything new," Harmon said. "BRI will give the IP access to all the publications, references, maps, diagrams, and videos he could possibly need to do a mission brief; plus everything needed for basic flight planning – weather, Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs), range restrictions, maps, communication frequencies – is now right at his fingertips, available through web servers and shared network drives."

This fingertip access has many immediate and long-term advantages, especially in a flying training

unit, according to Harmon. Those advantages include:

- ☐ Briefings, which once took an IP an hour or two to generate, can now be prepared in as little as 15 - 20 minutes.

- ☐ Less time spent preparing the briefing means more time with the student reviewing training objectives and going over tactics.

- ☐ BRI helps to standardize training throughout the FTUs.

- ☐ Student pilots can use BRI's multimedia features to study for both academic and flying training.

- ☐ Student pilots will be better prepared to fly because the IP now has a variety of new digital tools that will bring his extensive personal expertise to bear in a high-impact pre-mission briefing.

While these are great advantages to a regular briefing room, what truly makes BRI interactive is that it's customizable, delivered online, and loaded with features that make the IP's and student's lives easier, said

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Commander's Corner



Col. Bobby Wilkes
355th Wing Commander

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a common goal we all share as members of Team D-M. Ideas, suggestions, comments and kudos are an important ingredient for continuous improvement.

The fastest way to pass along comment or to get an answer to your concern is to contact the agency chief or functional manager listed here.

Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is available 24 hours a day, at **228-4747**, or you can send an e-mail to us at: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

If you leave your name, phone number and a message, you'll receive a prompt reply, either in writing or by telephone. We will honor your confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If your concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published in the newspaper, we recommend you leave a contact phone number if you'd like us to provide an answer.

Commander's Salute

This week, I salute **Wing Plans (XP)** for preparing a robust Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise to prepare us for our combat mission, and all wing personnel for a super effort in it. Well done!

Internet access concerns

Comment:

Please have someone look into the base Internet usage. Trying to get into the World Wide Web using the base Web is slow going all day long.

For example, when you are trying to do initial government research on regulations on an Air Force site, the system locks up or denies access.

Can anyone look into this? I have heard if we get more money, we could get more lines to speed up the firewalls. Apparently the system we have now is not adequate for our needs.

Response:

Thank you for your concern about problems accessing the Web from your office computer. The quickest way to fix this problem is to contact your workgroup manager. Usually the WM can fix the problem, which may be as simple as incorrect local computer settings. If the WM needs assistance, the network control center will assist the WM to resolve the problem. Please be aware that some buildings have better network

infrastructure than others. The connection is only as good as the wiring in your building.

To address your specific concern about accessing Air Force publications, the Web site you tried to connect to may have been down. If you continue to have problems, make sure you let your WM know. This is the most efficient way in getting your problem solved.

Commissary kudos

Comment:

The extra room at the commissary is great. My hat's off to whomever thought of this. What a convenience. Can this be done year around to include bulk sales with prices comparable to wholesale discount outlets? A satisfied customer says thanks again!

Response:

It is always great to hear from a satisfied customer. Thank you for the complimentary comment on our Holiday Mart in the warehouse. Unfortunately, it cannot be done year around. The

reason is that in summer, the store has air conditioners and the warehouse has swamp coolers, which don't work well together. When the warehouse doors are open, the air conditioner pulls the damp air into the freezers, which causes them to freeze up and become inoperative.

As far as bulk sales with prices comparable to wholesale discount outlets, the commissary sells all its items at cost, whether it be a case or one item. When the sales representatives offer us additional reduced prices on products, we pass those savings on to our customers. All items displayed off the main shelf which include end caps, the front entrance of the store and the items along the checkout line are always on sale.

Again we thank you for your favorable comment and are happy to serve you, our customer.

Kudos for SFS

Comment:

I am a dependent wife. My husband is with the security forces stationed in Korea. My sister passed away Oct. 12 and Oct. 17 we went to the mobility section of the security forces. I would like to give special thanks to five individuals (I don't know their ranks): Moore, Elmlblad, Bork, Waddle and Aleman. They were outstanding in trying to help us locate tables and chairs for my sister's memorial service. I would just like to say thanks to them all.

Response:

Our 355th Security Forces Squadron mobility personnel truly appreciate your kind words.

The individuals who assisted you in your time of need were: Tech. Sgt. Juan Aleman, Tech. Sgt. Jay Bork, Staff Sgt. Scott Elmlblad, Senior Airman Rachel Moore and Airman 1st Class Kevin Waddle.

Our security forces community is a close-knit family and always takes pride in striving to assist loved ones during their times of need. Thank you for taking the time to write your letter.

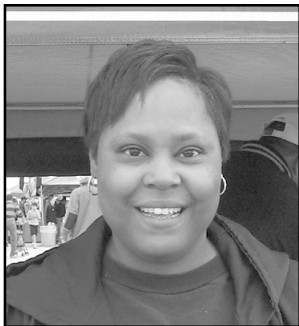
Your Final Answer?

Where do you get your news?



**Staff Sgt.
Steve Markowski**
357th Fighter Squadron

"The television, because I'm a TV junkie."



**Master Sgt.
Teresa Thomas**
12th Air Force Logistics

"The internet, because I can get it when I want to or have the time to."



**Staff Sgt.
Glenn Sivells**
355th Transportation Squadron

"The television or the internet. TV is easiest, but it's always there on the internet."



**Airman 1st Class
David Flanders**
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

"I'm usually listening to the early morning shows on the radio."



**Senior Airman
Lydia Ortiz**
355th Supply Squadron

"By the radio, it's all I listen to at work."



**Chief Master Sgt.
Pam Lane**
41st Electronic Combat Squadron

"I use everything, but the TV is easiest, because I can listen while I do other things in the house."

New FSC deputy director takes over

Halstead brings more than five years experience dedicated to people, QOL

By Staff Sgt. J. Elaine Phillinganes
Public affairs

Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Halstead took over as the family support center superintendent Monday. He replaces Senior Master Sgt. JoAnne Rea, who retired.

Halstead comes to the position as a seasoned first sergeant, serving 18 commanders/section commanders in five years. He arrived at Davis-Monthan more than a year ago and has worked as a first sergeant for both the 355th Operations Support Squadron and the 355th Component Repair Squadron.

People on base may notice some changes in the near future that will make the FCS services more accessible and could even change their view on the center a bit.

One goal Halstead hopes to implement is to take the FSC services out of the office and into the family housing and dormitory areas.

"Accessibility is important when our people are working so hard at their primary duties that their time for assistance is limited. It should be easy (for people) to get the help they need," he said.

The FSC also has an image that Halstead

hopes to revamp. "I see no need for modifications in the mission, however, we can always do more in the area of letting every person know and understand what resources we provide and how to access them."

"I have heard the center called the 'spouse support center,' while it was spoken in frustration, that statement is not untrue," he continued.

The FSC is a spouse support center, as well as a center for families, single members, enlisted, officers and even retirees and civil service employees.

"We are here for the entire force at D-M and the community needs to be acutely aware of this fact," said Halstead.

According to Shanna Moore-Best, FSC director, Halstead was very energetic during his interview and has proven himself to be compassionate as a first sergeant.

"We worked with him on several family issues that had arisen in his squadron and we feel he will be an asset to us," she said.

The new superintendent believes his time as a first sergeant has prepared him for the position. "There is no job in the Air Force that could have prepared me better for this position. From

guidance and counseling to agency referral, each skill used as a first sergeant will be used in my new position."

Although Halstead is enthusiastic about the career change, there are certain things he will miss. "I will miss being in the seat and wearing the diamond, as well as having that personal relationship with the commander and section commander — one that is sighted-in on one target ... doing the very best for the people in the unit."

As the FSC superintendent, he will help develop, implement and evaluate FSC policies and procedures, will execute four budgets and act as the liaison for military members and their families. Halstead will also act as the flight chief for the facility in Moore-Best's absence.

Halstead hopes to incorporate his professional and personal goals in the new position. "The goals I seek in this position are to learn every facet of support for our personnel."

The position is a special duty assignment with its own Air Force Specialty Code and is a three-year controlled tour.

The staff is sad to see Rea retire, according to Moore-Best. "Her two years have been a ray of sunshine that brought new energy to the center."

ALS graduates 40 ready for leadership

Forty senior airmen graduated Airman Leadership School Class 01-A Nov. 30.

Stephanie Green, 355th Operations Support Squadron, was the John Levitow Award winner.

The three distinguished graduates were Gerald English, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron; and Amanda Maxey and Barry Mitchell, 355th Training Squadron. Mitchell also received the Academic Award.

Michael McAlister, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron, was the Leadership Award recipient.

Other graduates were: Brooke Baczkowski, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Scott Becker, 355th Transportation Squadron; David Brown Jr., 355th Communications Squadron; Brian Byrne, 357th Fighter Squadron; Heath Culbertson, 355th Component Repair Squadron; Domonic Delsanto, 355th Security Forces Squadron; Gary Desserich, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron; Terry

Dolliver, 355th CS; William Farrell, 612th Air Communications Squadron; Chad Gilson, 355th EMS; Tiesha Glover, 355th Medical Operations Squadron; Jamie Hussell, 355th EMS; Benjamin Indino, 43rd ECS; Eric Ives, 355th EMS; Jack Johnson, 355th CRS; Jeremiah Kincade, 42nd ACCS; Christopher Lafluer, 355th TRANS; Chad Lemasters, 355th CES; Ricky Longnecker, 355th OSS; Mark Loveland, 42nd ACCS; Brian Mans, 355th EMS; Rachel Moore, 355th SFS; Martha Moore-Ruiz, 42nd ACCS; Jarrett Robinson, 355th SFS; Stacy Rodriguez, 355th Services Squadron; Joseph Rogers, 354th Fighter Squadron; Eileen Sanches, 355th MDOS; Rommel Schroer, 25th Operational Weather Squadron; Isaac Soto, 357th FS; Douglas Steward Jr., 41st Electronic Combat Squadron; John Tarver, 25th OWS; Stephanie Walker, 355th OSS; James Westerdale, 42nd ACCS; Michael Wilke, 354th FS; and Erin Williams, 355th SFS.



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

Be an 'Angel'

Denise Stone, wife of Ed Stone, 355th Supply Squadron Deputy Chief, takes a name from the Angel Tree in front of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Exchange. The Angel Tree program helps provide gifts for children from needy families during the holiday season. People who would like to participate can take a card from the tree, buy a gift for that particular child, then leave the wrapped gift under the tree with an angel card attached. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Richard Schults at 8-7544.

Airmen score high on tests

The following airmen are being recognized for scoring 90 percent or higher on their career development course exams in the month of November:

□ Airman 1st Class Charles Fish, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron;

□ Senior Airman Joseph Hertlein, 355th Communications Squadron;

□ Airman 1st Class Nathan McGee, 355th Component Repair Squadron;

□ Airman 1st Class Aaron Willey, 355th CRS;

□ Airman 1st Class Christopher Rowe, 355th CRS;

□ Airman 1st Class Derek Gonzales, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron;

□ Master Sgt. Darren Toy, 355th Logistics Support Squadron;

□ Tech. Sgt. Tracey Toy, 355th LSS;

□ Airman 1st Class Sharlott

Belgica, 355th Medical Group;

□ Staff Sgt. David Mayhorn, 354th Fighter Squadron;

□ Airman 1st Class John Hart, 354th FS;

□ Airman 1st Class Tammy Moore, 354th FS;

□ Staff Sgt. David Whitley, 358th Fighter Squadron;

□ Staff Sgt. James Reed, 42nd Airborne Command and Control Squadron;

□ Senior Airman Christopher Roach, 42nd ACCS;

□ Airman Brandon Vath, 42nd ACCS;

□ Tech. Sgt. Charles Ray, 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron;

□ Staff Sgt. Tracy Vaughan, 12th Air Force;

□ Senior Airman Tracy Jasin, 12th AF;

□ Airman 1st Class Olivia Padron, 12th AF; and

□ Master Sgt. Anthony Kowis, 612th Airborne Communications Squadron.

FSC, Marines team up on annual Toys for Tots drive

By Staff Sgt. Karin Wickwire
Public affairs

For the seventh year, the family support center is teaming up with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program to ensure underprivileged children, both on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and in the local community, have something to celebrate during this holiday season.

The Toys for Tots program, which began in 1947, collects new, unwrapped gifts for infants to children 17 years old. These presents are then distributed to about 90 agencies throughout the Tucson area, according to Gunnery Sgt. Rennie Bonnick, Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program coordinator for the Tucson area.

One of those agencies is the FSC, which helps at least 50 families each year through the Toys for Tots program, said Rico Triana, FSC Toys for Tots coordinator.

"Usually it's E-1s through E-4s

who make use of the program, but it really is open to any of the military families assigned to D-M who may need help during the holiday season," he said.

This year's goal is 49,000 toys, which can be donated at any of the 140 locations throughout Tucson, including the FSC. All donations are appreciated, however, there is a "need especially for the older children because there are only certain things that appeal to them, such as CDs, radios and sports equipment," Bonnick said.

The toy drive will continue through Dec. 20, which also marks the first day the toys will be delivered throughout the Tucson area.

On D-M, the FSC will have toys available for E-1s through E-4s from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 18 and will open it up for all ranks 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 19, according to Triana.

To donate toys or find out if you are eligible for the FSC's Toys for Tots program, call Triana at 8-5690.

BRI

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Ken Matesich, BRI programmer.

Customizable simply means the pilots are in control. "BRI allows the pilot to pull in the information he needs and to customize it to meet the needs of both the student and the IP," Harmon said. "Beginning with the syllabus outline in the Briefing Setup Wizard for that particular flight, the IP can modify the objectives, mission events, etc. to suit a student's capability and gradebook history."

The online delivery gives pilots immediate access to the most up-to-date version of BRI from any government computer on base. And by publishing the system online, BRI can be rapidly improved without having to distribute new versions to all the computers used for flight planning or mission briefings, he said.

This is a major advantage for the programmers

since BRI is being further developed and refined everyday, Matesich said. "As the pilots use it and become more familiar with it, they let the programming team know what isn't really needed or what could be added to make the program better."

And just as a pilot would never fly into a combat zone without his full compliment of counter measures (radar jammer, decoy flares, etc.) in case he ran into a "problem," BRI has been designed with built-in "counter features" (to coin a phrase) which allows the intuitive and interactive nature of the program to help the pilots get past problems often encountered when creating and presenting a briefing, Harmon said.

Although BRI began as a simple tool to augment briefings, it has now leaped well beyond that original concept and has almost limitless potential, according to Sam Furrow, BRI graphic designer. In fact, a brand new BRI component under development, the Wing Operations Center Network, was successfully tested across the base during the Phase II Operational Readiness Exercise this week.

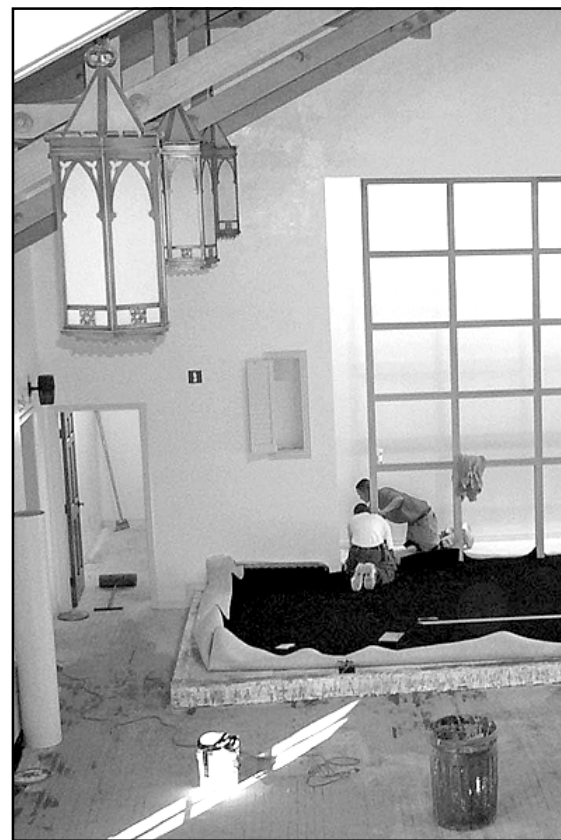
The wide-open structure created by the BRI team could be applied to any other operation on base – the hospital, maintenance, civil engineer – any place that may need to give a briefing, offer training, or provide a collaborative environment within or among organizations. "For example, a civil engineer could use BRI by bringing in his own power point presentation on rapid runway repair, pulling down photos of D-M's runways, and showing what needs to be done to make the repairs, all within the BRI structure," Harmon added.

As the team continues to develop and expand BRI, (the most recent version is 3.1 and is available on the Intranet at <https://bri/>), making it even more user friendly and informative, it's easy to see where this program could easily become the Air Force's Operations Portal of the future.



Staff Sgt. Karin Wickwire

Sam Furrow, Briefing Room Interactive graphic designer (left), and Ken Matesich, BRI programmer (right), discuss how to make improvements to the system.



Senior Airman Amy McBeth

Helping hands

Contractors are installing new carpeting after Chapel 2's sanctuary was gutted to bare 2x4s for renovation. Chapel 2 opens to the public with a rededication ceremony at 8:30 a.m. Sunday where it will be renamed Hope Chapel. Chapel 1 will also be renamed as Desert Dove Chapel. For more information about the ceremony, call 8-5411.

ACC command chief stresses importance of NCOs

By Staff Sgt. Tammy Brubaker
49th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Air Combat Command's top chief said the burden of the many changes the Air Force has experienced lately has fallen squarely on the backs of the NCO corps — and NCOs will continue to carry those burdens in the future.

Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Keane, the command chief master sergeant for Air Combat Command, recently visited Holloman Air Force Base and discussed enlisted issues with a variety of enlisted members and organizations such as the First Sergeants, Top 3, Middle Two and Airmen councils.

During a meeting with Holloman's Middle Two, Chief Keane addressed several issues affecting the enlisted corps. He also let the NCOs know how important they've been and will continue to be.

"The last 10 years have been the most turbulent 10 years in Air Force history, and we did it on the back of the NCOs," Chief Keane said. "Our NCOs have kept the Air Force together — they are the backbone of the military."

Mentoring was a hot issue the

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*Air Combat Command
Command Chief Master Sergeant*



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chief discussed. He explained that two-way communication is the key to being a good mentor.

"Why wait until a performance feedback to talk to your troops?" the chief said.

"Leaders have to create an atmosphere in their shop to make people want to be there. Take care of them and work as a team."

NCOs have earned and deserve more of a pay raise than what they've been given recently, according to Chief Keane.

"(Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force) Jim Finch summed it up very well when he said 'I expected a car payment, not a tank of gas.' We all deserve more money," he said.

The chief gave supervisors a word

of advice: maintain standards so subordinates know what to expect.

"When I visit units, I can take a look at the senior NCO that's greeting me outside and I know what I've got inside," the chief said. "If the senior NCO is sloppy, chances are the unit is too."

"Tough love" was a phrase the chief mentioned often. He said that supervisors need to be firm and make sure subordinates live up to Air Force standards.

"NCOs have a tough job," he said. "We need to get back to some 'tough love' and the young airmen expect it when they come out of technical school. They want someone to give them some positive discipline."

"Straight up: (supervisors) need to

let them know who they are and what they expect from them."

The chief, a 26-year Air Force veteran originally from the Bronx in New York City, suggested that supervisors stand fast and let airmen occasionally take a hit — or take the credit.

"Sometimes you have to get out of the way and let them fail. Just don't let them get hurt," the chief explained. "Nobody should be trying to make themselves look good. Make your airmen look good, then you look good automatically."

One of the hottest issues facing the Air Force today was also brought up to the chief — retention. He admitted that retention percentages are less than the Air Force goal and more money is not the only solution.

"I tell airmen all the time, 'If you don't like your job, don't worry about it — your job will change.' But you have to like being an airman, the way of life and what we stand for."

"I can't pay you enough to die for your country," Chief Keane said. "We don't do this for the money. If you want to make a lot of money, get out. But if you want to have a good time, stay in." (Courtesy Air Combat Command News Service)

Budget adds major TRICARE benefits

By Army Staff Sgt. Kathleen Rhem
American Forces Press Service

Active duty service members and their families should look for major new benefits coming soon in the Department of Defense's TRICARE managed health care plan, a senior program official said.

Col. Frank Cumberland, TRICARE Management Activity director of communications and customer service, said the most publicized TRICARE change in the defense budget signed Oct. 30 has been the opening up of benefits to Medicare-eligible retirees age 65 and older. The coming wave of change, however, won't overlook active-duty members and families, he added.

Some of the benefits being added to TRICARE within the next year include:

□ Active-duty family members will no longer have to make co-payments for care from a civilian provider after April 30.

□ Family members of active-duty troops in remote locations will become eligible for the TRICARE Prime Remote program Oct. 1.

□ DOD will have a five-year period to phase in making chiropractic care available to active-duty troops.

TRICARE and health affairs officials are still working out the details on these changes and

will announce them when plans are complete, Cumberland said.

TRICARE managers are also working to increase access to school physicals, eliminate the need for some nonavailability statements and some referrals for specialty care. Some of these issues may not come to pass before a new TRICARE contract is awarded, perhaps in 2003 or 2004, program officials said.

Dr. H. James Sears, executive director of the TRICARE Management Activity, called the changes outlined in this year's budget legislation "the biggest platter of benefit changes" since the mid-1960s.

TRICARE, he said, is adding benefits and continues to lower beneficiaries' out-of-pocket costs and, in the process, taking the irritants out of the TRICARE program and improving accessibility."

Sears said people generally evaluate their health care system based on three factors:

- The quality of care.
- The range of benefits.
- Cost.

"When you look at TRICARE, those are all slam dunks," Sears said.

For more information, visit the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

Know rules for holiday mail to Southwest Asia

U.S. officials with Joint Task Force Southwest Asia would like to remind people about restrictions on items mailed to U.S. forces in that area.

Items with religious symbols from any faith other than Islam aren't allowed, officials said. This includes Santa Claus and any religious or secular item related to Hanukkah or Christmas. Officials advise family and friends not to send gifts wrapped in holiday-themed paper, even if it's enclosed in plain paper — they will be confiscated by customs officials. Mailers should also watch out for holiday-themed stamps and Christmas seals.

Another prohibited item is Icebreakers gum because it contains an alcohol derivative, officials said. Use of alcohol is forbidden to U.S. forces in the area.

For more information, contact the family support center at 8-5690. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

Cohen directs IG to examine military absentee balloting

by **Jim Garamone**

American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary William Cohen asked the Defense Department inspector general to look into problems concerning military absentee balloting.

Cohen ordered the inquiry following reports that many absentee ballots from service members were not counted because they lacked postmarks.

"The secretary's goal and his instruction to the IG is to make sure we have a system that makes every vote count," said Pentagon Spokesman Ken Bacon.

Cohen asked the IG to examine the process and recommend any changes to make it "more efficient, more fair, more inclusive and to make it easier," he said.

In his instructions, Cohen asked the IG to examine current procedures for handling military ballots, standard cancellation and postmarking, and how those procedures are actually implemented.

One problem that disqualified military absentee ballots in Florida, for instance, was they arrived without a postmark. Postmarks indicate where and when a piece of mail was sent. DOD postal regulations require all mail be postmarked, including postage-free mail such as absentee ballots. Military Postal Service Agency officials said the IG will obviously look into why so many ballots arrived without postmarks.

There is no timetable for the IG to deliver a report. *(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)*

Official government travelers to receive new charge cards

By **Gerry J. Gilmore**

American Forces Press Service

Many authorized Department of Defense military and civilian employees whose government travel charge cards have expired are exchanging their NationsBank 'plastic' for Bank of America Visa cards.

NationsBank, the previous DOD travel charge card contractor, merged two years ago with Bank of America, said Larry Murray, the component program manager for Washington Headquarters Services, a service organization for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Travel cards that were issued in 1998 will soon expire because travel cards are valid for only a two-year period.

"It is important for all cardholders to be aware of the expiration date stamped on their travel cards because thousands of cards will expire at the end of each month," Murray said. Currently there are about 1.5 million cardholders in DOD.

Murray provided the following information to cardholders whose travel cards will soon expire:

❑ Cardholders should receive a letter from Bank of America no later than 30 days before the expiration date stamped on the card. It is imperative to keep the letter because it contains a card receipt and activation code that is needed to activate the account. Customers should call Bank of America 24-hour service phone number at (800) 472-1424 if they do not receive the let-

ter at least 30 days prior to their card's expiration date.

❑ Cardholders should receive their renewal cards approximately two weeks after they receive their letter, but no later than 15 days before their card expires. Those expected to be traveling or on leave at that time should call Bank of America and request their renewal cards be mailed earlier.

❑ Upon receipt of their renewal cards, customers should immediately call Bank of America to acknowledge receipt and to activate the account. Use the telephone number and the activation code contained within the Bank of America letter to activate the account.

❑ The renewal card should have the same account number that is stamped on customers' present travel card. If the account numbers do not agree, notify Bank of America. Customers should then sign the back of the new card and destroy the old card.

❑ Customers whose accounts are in a closed or cancelled status will not be issued a renewal card.

❑ Those who presently have a travel card but have never called Bank of America to acknowledge its receipt will not be issued a renewal card.

On May 1, it became mandatory for DOD travelers to use the travel card to pay for official travel expenses. *(Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)*

Tell us your story

If you, or you know someone in your squadron who participates in an interesting past-time, hobby or sport, please let the *Desert Airman*

staff know about it. Call 8-5714/5092 or send an email to 355wg.pa@dm.af.mil with the basic information -- who, what and a point of contact and we'll pursue getting their story in print.

Advertising

Burns together

Keesler couple share bond as firefighters

By Susan Griggs
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

Burns is their name, fire-fighting is their game.

Staff Sgt. Michael Burns and his wife, Senior Airman Sayward “Lee” Burns, have worked together at the Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., fire department for the past 2 1/2 years. They reenlisted together in October.

Michael, who’s been in the Air Force 11 years, met Lee, a four-year Air Force member, while they were stationed at Osan Air Base, Korea. They married shortly after arriving to Keesler.

“We’ve gone from seeing each other all the time, every day, to seeing each other a lot less often,” Lee said. She’s a fire inspector who works 10-hour day shifts doing inspections, briefings and training around the base. Her husband, a crew chief, works 24 hours on and 24 hours off at the station.

In spite of different schedules, the couple makes the most of their off-duty time together. When Michael is on duty, Lee manages to join him for meals and often

works out with him in the station’s gym.

“He outranks me at work, but I outrank him at home,” joked Lee, who is a staff sergeant select.

Being a firefighter has appealed to Michael since childhood and “it seemed like a good choice when I looked at what I wanted to do outside the Air Force.” He was formerly assigned as an instructor at the Louis F. Garland Fire Academy at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, where all Department of Defense firefighters are trained.

Firefighting was a back-up choice for Lee, who is working toward a chemistry degree with an eye toward a future career as a forensic investigator.

“I like the camaraderie of working in a fire department,” explained Lee, who grew up in northern California. “You become like a family, working closely together. Besides our secretary, I’m the only female among our 47 authorized military and civilian positions, so sometimes I function like a mom and try to keep the guys in line.”

“I like going out and helping people when they need us,” added

Michael, who calls Tennessee home. “I like working the emergencies, rendering my assistance – living a little on the edge.”

Coming to Keesler after being assigned to an operational base like Osan was quite a change, Michael pointed out. “Osan is one of the largest emergency fire departments, and there are lot more mishaps. I like being around the aircraft, and there just aren’t that many here,” he said.

Another difference is Keesler has “a lot more civilians,” Lee said. “The people here are great to work with, though. I noticed that the civilians are a lot more ‘Southernized’ and say ‘ma’am’ a lot.”

While Lee is busy teaching people how to prevent fires, Michael and other firefighters are waiting for something to happen. “Not that we want fires to happen, but we like to be able to do our jobs,” he admitted. “Keesler has a good fire prevention office, and that’s the key to a good fire department.”

Lee’s job focuses primarily on fire prevention, but if she’s at work

and there’s a fire, she is out there fighting it with them, she said.

“Lee Burns took on the challenge of becoming certified as a Fire Inspector II in minimum time,” said Tech. Sgt. Thomas Moore Sr., assistant chief for training. “She’s the type of individual who can be assigned a task and I can rest assured that it will be thoroughly and completely accomplished. She is a real go-getter who exemplifies the Air Force core values in her professional and personal life.”

The Burns have been a driving force behind the Keesler Firefighters Association, a private organization dedicated to spreading the fire prevention message throughout the Keesler community, improving firefighter quality of life, and supporting local charities, added Master Sgt. Sean Quinby, deputy fire chief. “They constantly devote countless hours raising funds, coordinating activities and raising fire prevention awareness throughout the community.” *(Courtesy Air Education and Training Command News Service)*

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'New Society' more than just oath of enlistment

By Lt. Col. Michael Archuleta
355th Services Squadron

In case you're wondering, "A New Society" isn't a form of government, some book you read in prep school, or even a rock band.

It's what we all became part of when we raised our right hand and swore an oath to our great nation.

Having now been part of this "society" for more than 18 years now, the rules, regulations, expectations and lifestyle seem second nature to me. These are the things that cause us to instinctively take off our ball cap when we enter a building even though we're in civilian clothes. Or to start the reflex action of saluting a senior officer when we're in civilian clothes.

Okay ... think back to the day you arrived at your first assignment. For many, it was the first time you were on your own. You're at your new base, in something called a "VAQ" or "VOQ" or "TLF" (your first exposure to a lifetime of acronyms). As you laid there, away from home, in a place where you probably didn't know anyone, chances are you have a brief moment when you ask yourself, "What have I gotten myself in to?"

Because of this "new society," two issues became painfully obvious to me in the short time I've spent as a squadron commander. First, there is loneliness or depression that may result because of it. And equally as pertinent, many of our new members aren't

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Lt. Col. Michael Archuleta (right) observes as Airman 1st Class Jannice Fernandez fills the Desert Inn Dining Facility salad bar with ice. Fernandez is a food service specialist assigned to the 355th SVS.

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Current as of Wednesday

Where are 355th Wing members serving?

This time last year, **118** members of the 355th Wing were deployed.

Europe: 11

Central America: 2

South America: 18

Southwest Asia: 114

Deployed (by group):
355 OG - 5
355 LG - 44
355 SPTG - 84
355 WG - 2

Total: 145

Other locations -- 0
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DUIs: A matter of accountability

By Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins
12th Air Force commander

Over the past four months I've had the distinct privilege of serving as the commander of 12th Air Force.

It's a great organization with broad and varied missions. I've always believed that airmen of all ranks, our civilian employees, and our families are the keys to our status as the world's most respected aerospace force, and my visits throughout the command have reinforced that.

On my travels to the wings, I've seen great Americans serving under extraordinary circumstances.

As members of the military, we are America's most visible advocates for our national security interests.

That means we'll put in a hard day's work everyday and face uncommon risks. That's part of

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You know full well that drinking and driving is wrong. It threatens your career, your safety and your life.

Lt. Gen. Tom Hobbins
12th Air Force commander



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our profession.

All too often, though, we find ourselves facing common risks that could and should be avoided. Recently, I've become more concerned about DUI rates within the command.

In October, we matched the highest number of DUIs on record for one month in 12th AF. While it's too soon to call this a trend, I think it's vital that we put a stop to drinking and driving. I have a zero tolerance policy on DUIs.

There are several alternatives to drinking and driving, but the bottom line is driving under the influence is a matter of accountability.

First, you must be accountable to yourself. You were brought into the Air Force for your ability to think and be responsible. You know full well that drinking and driving is wrong. It threatens your career, your safety, and your life. Choose not to do it!

Second, you must be account-

able for your friends and families. If they've had too much to drink, you must have the character and courage to take care of them. There's no excuse for losing a friend to a DUI.

That's a mark that stays on the record of your conscience for a lifetime.

Third, you must be accountable to your command. The people you work with on a daily basis count on you, just as you count on them. Don't let them down by making an avoidable mistake.

Every base within the command has a program in place to prevent drinking and driving. The options are there for you. No one should ever get behind the wheel after drinking.

If you need more information on the programs at your base, contact your supervisor, first sergeant or commander.

Take care of yourselves and take care of each other.

New Society

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adequately prepared to be a part of it.

The first issue (loneliness or depression) can cause our new members to do something rash with little regard to the consequences. Yet the solution that could help alleviate this situation may be so simple — make individual feel like they're part of a team that cares.

Even after 18 years, I sure felt special when I checked into the temporary living facility in August and had a squadron cap, shirt, bowl of fruit and a welcome note waiting for me.

Imagine how good that same welcome would make a first-term airman or newly assigned officer feel?

We're beginning a new program within the 355th Services Squadron that will ensure all our new people receive this kind of treatment.

When new members arrive at D-M, along with personal greetings by members of their workcenter, they'll find the above-mentioned items in their temporary quarters or dorm room.

The note will include the signature and home phone number of everyone in their chain of command from the front-line supervisor to the squadron commander.

This is a way to let them know that someone is out there if they need to talk or just need a ride to the commissary.

The second issue is painfully apparent to anyone who's ever sat through a quarterly status of discipline luncheon.

As one sits there and hear about the numerous Article 15s, you can't help but wonder how someone can violate such basic tenets of our military society.

And worse yet, as you see the number of command-directed separations, you can't help but think of all the taxpayers money and the investment in training time that was lost on these individuals.

Having taken enough psychology courses to make me dangerous, this is how I rationalize the issue:

Have you ever gone to visit friends that have a dog?

When you enter their house, one of two things will likely happen.

They'll tell their dog to sit and it will either obey them or run to greet you at the door and knock you down or slobber on your shoes.

Sound familiar?

So why can there be such a dramatic difference in the way the dog reacted?

Training.

The dog that just knocked you over probably didn't get a lot of training as it was growing up. It was probably brought into the home, fed and let run free, aside from an occasional swat on the nose with a newspaper.

The dog that actually obeyed probably had about 15 minutes of training a day for a few weeks.

In other words, the owner showed the dog what was acceptable behavior in its "new society."

Before anyone gets upset with me, I'm not advocating that we send our new troops to dog obedience school.

I used the example because I have lots of experience properly (and improperly — I have the scars to show it) training dogs.

And for those who are thinking we already

have something called on-the-job training, you're missing the point.

All of the training programs our new airmen go through are geared at how to act while on duty or in the presence of the military establishment.

They do not adequately "train" our people how to live up to the expectations of their "new society" when they're away from work.

This is important because our all-voluntary force is comprised of individuals from all walks of life and every corner of the country (and sometimes, globe).

The approach we're taking to help with this issue (it obviously isn't one that can be solved to the 100 percent solution) is by an aggressive "coaching" program.

Our concept is to develop a two-tier coaching (some refer to it as "mentoring") program.

The first tier involves the front-line supervisors coaching the first-termers on OJT, acceptable behavior, morality, ethics, conflict avoidance, volunteerism, etc.

The second tier involves our senior NCOs coaching the junior NCOs on how to coach the first-termers — somewhat of a train-the-trainer concept.

Unfortunately, because we're in the developing stages of this new program I don't have any results to share, just concepts.

Thanks to all of you who make my experiences in this "New Society" so unique and memorable.

And to the new folks, I urge you to become full-fledged members of this society because it's the purest, most honorable society that this world currently knows.

Safety begins with high degree of personal awareness

By Maj. Karen Kinne
355th Medical Group

Our children are our future. The first step in protecting our children is having a high degree of personal safety awareness. Prevention is the first step but being prepared may make all the difference in the world. Everyone who has children knows just how easily they can get hurt.

Each year, approximately 9,000 infants suffer injuries related to their high chairs, and common household substances poison thousands more. In total, more than 25 million children are injured annually and more than 12,000 kids younger than 14 succumb to their injuries, which makes these incidents even more tragic since they could have been prevented if only parents knew how.

As a parent, it's your responsibility to make sure your child's world is a safe and secure one. The first place to start is at home.

Protect the family from food-borne illnesses by choosing, storing and handling food with care. It's important to stay aware of the safest products for your baby and conduct frequent inspections of your home as the baby progresses into other developmental stages. As the child grows, the opportunities for accidents increase. A family plan for how to prevent or respond to a fire within the home is another preventive safety measure. Auto safety protects your child on the road by using some simple safety measures and following seatbelt and safety seat rules. Remember, air bags and babies don't mix!

Older children have more opportunity to be out in the com-

munity. Over the years it is important to teach them safety and responsibility. They should know how and when to dial 911 for emergency assistance. Protecting children from potential hazards at the playground can be avoided by teaching your child basic safety guidelines on how to play safe. Another area of concern is in the prevention of sport injuries. Proper training, supervision and protective equipment are recommendations for all activities. It can be more fun and less to fear when your child plays smart and gets in gear. Water and sun safety are top concerns for this location. Close observation around water at all times and a commitment to teach your child to swim is a must. Protection from sun exposure and teaching ways to prevent skin damage are absolutely necessary in Arizona. Be a good role model -

practice what you preach.

Keeping children safe on the Internet is everyone's job. Parents need to stay in close touch with their children as they explore the Internet. Teachers need to help students use the Internet appropriately and safely. Communities and groups should help educate the public about safe surfing.

Safety — let's all put this on the top of the list as we plan for each day's activities and events. The above suggestions only highlighted a few examples. A serious, well thought out plan will identify any potential risks associated with the action and then measures can be taken for the safety of our children. Let's work together in our homes, neighborhoods and communities for the promotion of a safe environment. The benefits for all will be captured if we work together.

Toy safety tips keep kids secure during holiday season

◆ Avoid toys that shoot or include parts that fly off. Slingshots and water guns are dangerous because they invite children to target other youngsters. BB guns should never be considered toys.

◆ Inspect toys for sound construction. Toys should be made of durable materials, have no sharp edges or points and should withstand impact.

◆ Avoid giving toys with small parts to young children. They tend to put things in their mouths, increasing the risk of choking.

◆ Read instructions carefully and follow suggested age levels. Age labeling is provided for developmental and safety reasons.

◆ Look for the letters "ASTM." These letters indicate that the product meets the national safety standards set by the American Society

for Testing and Materials.

Selection of the proper toy is the first step in keeping the holiday season safe. Additional safety tips include:

◆ Explaining and demonstrating how to use the toy;

◆ Repairing or removing damaged toys;

◆ Keeping toys appropriate for older children away from younger ones;

◆ Avoiding the misuse of toys in ways that could be dangerous; and

◆ Storing or giving away toys a child has outgrown. (Courtesy 355th Medical Group)

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By Tech. Sgt. Richard Rexin
355th Wing Safety

Unplanned explosions in 80 percent of situations can be traced back to human error.

Protection of limited assets is vital and few countries can claim an inexhaustible source of military members.

In order to maintain the efficiency of a fighting force, it is necessary to train and protect our military members.

Forms of training

Forms of training can vary from operational readiness exercises/inspections, field training exercises, Red Flag/Air Warrior, to firing ranges.

Opposing forces test strategies, ploys and levels of endurance on the field and with this training, one of the enemies is fatigue and/or lack of adequate sleep.

Periods of no sleep can be as little as 20 hours or as long as 48 hours.

Lack of proper rest in one person in these training situations can present danger.

Lack of sleep and fatigue can

*Fatigue a difficult
enemy -- win battle by
planning ahead*

cause people to not work as well or to think as clearly as they normally would.

People in the business of training troops should know that if an airman's sleep pattern is changed from an eight-hour sleep cycle to a four-hour cycle, it can negatively impact performance.

When working with explosives, this can yield dangerous consequences.

Change in sleep cycles

This change in sleep cycles represents another element with which leaders and trainers must contend.

Mental and physical processes are adversely affected with lack of sleep.

Research has shown the lack

of sleep affects the cognitive function and physical performance.

Direct effect

The lack of sleep will have a direct effect on the abilities of the individuals performing tasks and the level of stress will increase where either the physical or psychological demands are exceeded.

This is a self-perpetuating cycle: lack of sleep, inability to function normally, increased stress, and inability to properly sleep. Leaders of training exercises are also susceptible to fatigue.

They are certainly under increased stress because they are responsible for their airmen.

They generally are under time constraints to get the training done in a specific time period. They must also get up earlier and go to bed later to ensure everything is organized and ready for the exercise.

Be on guard

So, not only must supervisors watch for it in their troops, but also they must be on guard against their own fatigue.

Unfortunately, this is difficult to measure and individuals handle it differently.

In training and in combat, efficiencies and operations are affected by the airman's ability to perform; therefore, managing the amount of fatigue present in members of the operation is an essential element for the supervisor's consideration.

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Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown



Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base team. Members are nominated by their commander or first sergeant, and the article is compiled by the Desert Airman staff.)

Teeth, gums, saliva and blood are what Heather Ives has to look forward to when she comes to work every day.

The 23-year-old senior airman from the 355th Dental Squadron serves the Air Force in her capacity as a dental journeyman.

"My career has been pretty well rounded," she said, "so I am experienced in just about all of the areas one can work in a dental

Senior Airman Heather Ives assists during a procedure on a dental clinic patient.

clinic."

Ives' main responsibilities include supporting clinical oral hygiene programs through direct patient treatment, as well as assisting in the training of junior personnel.

The Salineville, Ohio, native said she loves her job because, "I know I am having a positive impact on other people's oral health."

Ives said her career goal is to become a registered dental hygienist.

When she's not tending to someone's oral health, she enjoys camping and skeet shooting.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is Ives' first assignment, and she has served for more than six years.

"I love the whole Southwest experience ... the weather ... the 'Big Sky,'" she added.

Ives credits her parents with being her biggest inspiration.

"They have always been there for me and have supported my decisions," she added. "I've always known whatever I did, they would be there for me 100 percent."

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59 years later ... 'Day that will live in infamy' remembered

It was early morning, Dec. 7, 1941. As the sun was just beginning to rise in Oahu, Hawaii, a fleet of Japanese naval air forces was taking off from their respective aircraft carriers in various locations in the Pacific Ocean. Just as many of the islanders were waking up for breakfast, it happened. The Japanese air fleet had arrived with a vengeance. No one was prepared for what was occurring. Pearl Harbor, the United States' center for military action in the Pacific Ocean, was almost completely destroyed. Anger toward the Japanese spread quickly throughout the entire country, and this anger led to the United States' entry into World War II.

At 6 a.m. (Hawaiian time) Dec. 7, 1941, the first Japanese attack fleet of 183 planes took off from aircraft carriers 230 miles north of Oahu. At 7:02 a.m., two Army operators at a radar station on Oahu's north shore picked up Japanese fighters approaching on radar. They contacted a junior officer who disregarded their sighting, thinking that it was B-17 bombers from the United States west coast. The first Japanese

bomb was dropped at 7:55 a.m. on Wheeler Field, eight miles from Pearl Harbor. The crews at Pearl Harbor were on the decks of their ships for morning colors and the singing of The Star-Spangled Banner. Even though the band was interrupted in their song by Japanese planes gunfire, the crews did not move until the last note was sung. A telegraph from Washington had been too late. It arrived at headquarters in Oahu around noon (Hawaiian time), four long hours after the first bombs were dropped.

Of the approximately 100 U.S. Navy ships present in the harbor that day, eight battleships were damaged, with five sunk. Eleven smaller ships including cruisers and destroyers were also badly damaged. Among those killed were 2,335 servicemen and 68 civilians. The wounded included more than 1,000 aboard the U.S.S. Arizona, which was dealt the worst blow of the attack. A 1,760 pound bomb struck it, and the ammunition on board exploded killing 1,177. Today, there is a memorial spanning the sunken remains of the Arizona dedicated to the memory of all those lost in the bombing.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's Pearl Harbor Speech

December 8, 1941

To the Congress of the United States:

Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan. The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with the government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleagues delivered to the Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. While this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or armed attack. It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time, the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope for continued peace.

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday, the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya. Last night, Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong. Last night, Japanese forces attacked Guam. Last night, Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands. Last night, the Japanese attacked Wake Island. This morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As commander in chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense. Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory. I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again. Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger. With confidence in our armed forces -- with the unbounding determination of our people -- we will gain the inevitable triumph -- so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, Dec. 7, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.

Korean War remembered



(Editor's note: As America recognizes its veterans (over the next three years) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, the Desert Airman will run significant events related to the Korean War.) This week in 1950, the following significant Air Force events occurred:

Dec. 10: A two-week Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command airlift for surrounded U.S. troops in northeastern Korea concluded after delivering 1,580 tons of supplies and equipment and moving almost 5,000 sick and wounded troops.

Participating airlift units conducted 350 C-119 and C-47 flights.

Dec. 11: The X Corps began loading on ships in Hungnam Harbor.

Dec. 14: As Chinese forces approached, FEAF Combat Cargo Command began an aerial evacuation from Yonpo Airfield near Hamhung.

A FEAF airplane dropped the first tarzon bomb to be used in Korea on a tunnel near Huichon, with limited effectiveness.

The tarzon bomb was a six-ton version of the razon bomb, but generally it did not live up to expectations.

Historians

Professionals track unit events, looking to fill ranks

By Master Sgt. Todd Schroeder
355th Wing Historian

When you go around base do you sometimes see pictures from the past relating to the base and your unit on the wall?

Who tracks the lineage and honors of your unit, the awards given and which campaign streamers the unit is authorized?

Have you read a brief history of your unit and base in a welcome guide or pamphlet?

Who collects these pictures, tracks the awards and provides the information for the brief histories?

Gather pictures, collect docs

Chances are, it was an Air Force historian that at one time or another gathered the pictures, collected the documents, and wrote the histories that are used today in creating these displays.

And the Air Force still has a history program, manned by civilians and about 100 enlisted historians.

The Guard and Reserve also use historians.

But writing pamphlets and gathering old pictures to put on the wall isn't the primary job of the historian, contrary to what people may think about them.

Instead, our job is to collect documents and pictures and write about activities that occur now, with a focus on operations, lessons learned, commander's concerns and things that impact operations.

Not as obvious

While the first three are straightforward, the last one isn't always as obvious.

How have manning or skill levels affected work and support?

Is there sufficient equipment or parts on hand to affect repairs and aircraft availability?

Has the budget impacted the ability to procure spares or has a process changed adversely impacting how we do business?

This requires historians to go around to the different agencies and squadrons within the unit (hey, we're wing historians, not base historians), research files (looking for after action reports, briefings and special studies, to name a few), talk to people (usually commanders and other senior people), and then write a history.

These histories are a combination of narrative and statistical data, along with supporting documents to verify what we write is accurate.

And these aren't histories that will hit the street the day we finish writing them,

since we write classified documents.

So, what are they used for then?

I can't speak for anyone else, but I know what some of mine have been used for.

They've been looked at by General Accounting Office inspectors, provided information for European Command, United States Special Operations Command, United States Air Forces in Europe leaders, by the team compiling the Balkans Air War study, and students at the Air War College.

Things I've written about, besides day-to-day operations and exercises, are base realignments, unit moves, formalized aircrew training and suppression of enemy air defenses.

Other areas include humanitarian operations, noncombatant evacuation operations, search and recovery operations, combat search and rescue, psychological operations, aircraft modifications and tactics updates.

Deploy with units

Historians also get a chance to deploy with their units, and we send people on each Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation.

I have deployed to Italy, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey, just to name a few.

These deployments offer the opportunity to work with other allies and cultures, since the historians are placed on the commander's special staff.

And it's more than job satisfaction in seeing the "big picture" and writing about it. It's personal satisfaction.

One of the highlights of my career will be when a retired navigator from World War II and the Cold War came in to my office. He told me the story of how his son was shot down and killed over Southeast Asia three days before he was going to rotate home.

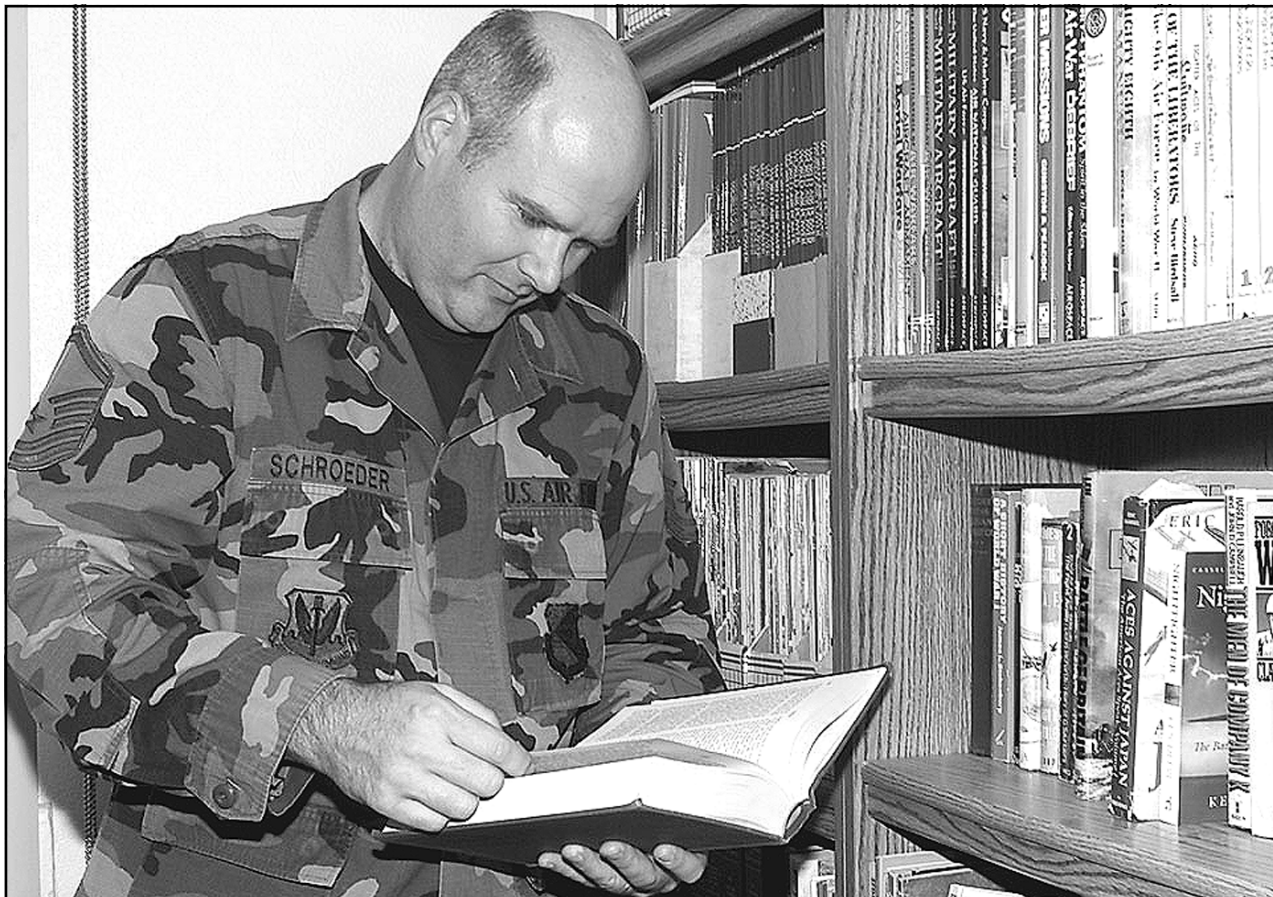
He wondered if the squadron his son flew with was still active, because the man wanted to visit the people who manned it and relay his story.

After a couple of quick phone calls, I made a call to the squadron for him.

While the man expressed his heartfelt thanks, it was the expression on his face and the tone of his voice when he talked to the people at the squadron that got me the most.

As I said before, we have about 100 enlisted historians and are always looking for people to cross train.

If you're looking for a change, a challenge and job satisfaction, and are a staff or technical sergeant, call my office at 8-6080 or 8-4669.



Airman 1st Class Latonia Brown

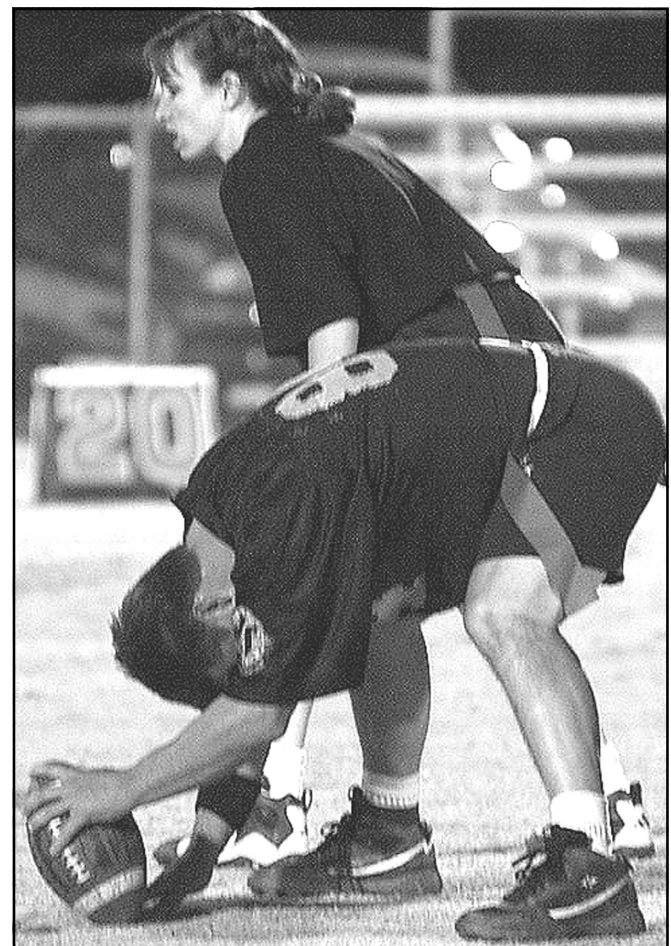
Master Sgt. Todd Schroeder reviews history books for reference material. Schroeder and Tech. Sgt. Kevan Kipp are the 355th Wing's historians.

Flag football heats up cool nights



The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Intramural flag football season is in full swing, with games played nearly every evening at the base football field near the auto skills center. Perennial powerhouses, MDG and SFS are atop the Monday/Wednesday division, with SUPS and CES in the top two spots in the Tuesday/Thursday division. The 43rd Electronic Combat Squadron team squared off Dec. 1 against the team from the 162nd Fighter Wing (ANG). When the dust settled, the 162nd came out on top, 27-18. (Above) A player from the 162nd FW scrambles for yardage during the game. (Left) 43rd ECS quarterback Trevor Gray throws a pass to one of his team members. (Right) 162nd FW player Keith Donnelly prepares to hike the ball to his quarterback while a teammate stands ready to go out for a pass.

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Sports Shorts

Basketball clinics

Basketball clinics, conducted by the youth center, will help young players get ready for the upcoming youth basketball season. Clinics continue Saturday and Dec. 16. Sessions are 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. (ages 5 through 8), and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (ages 9 through 15). The cost for three days is \$5. Another three-day clinic, for ages 9 and up, is 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 27 through 29. The three-day cost is \$15. D-M's 10-week youth basketball season begins Jan. 20. Games are Saturdays at the youth center gym. Call Kathy Sands at 8-8373 for more information.

Golf tournament

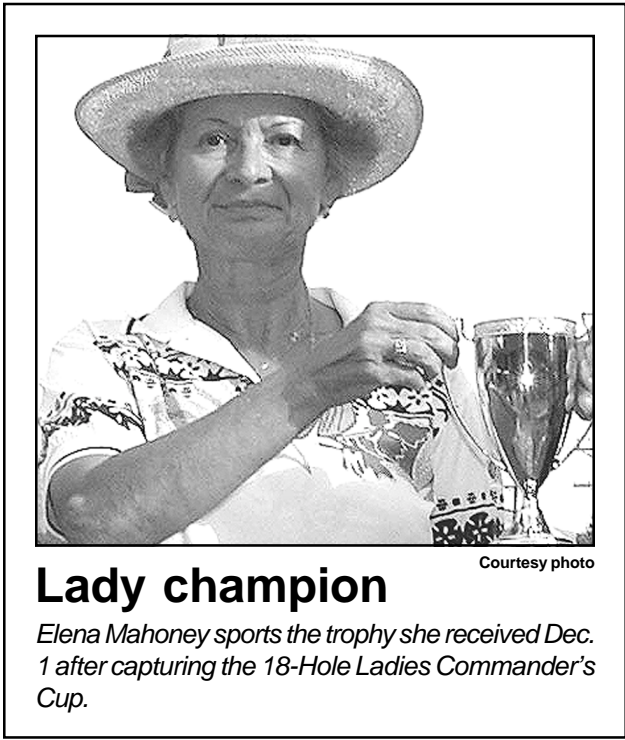
The 355th Contracting Squadron is holding its 2000 Holiday "Tee-Off" golf tournament Dec. 15 at the Blanchard Golf Course. Cost is \$100 per team (\$25 per person) for the four-person select shot (scramble) format tournament that has an 11 a.m. shotgun start. First-place prize is a golf package for four to Heritage Highlands (no federal endorsement intended). Call Bret Zieman at 8-5458 or Travis Sippel at 8-4156 for more information.

Golf Ham Shoot

The Blanchard Golf Course Ham Shoot is Dec. 17. The entry fee is \$5 (per person) for the two-person, blind-draw, best ball tournament. Players must have a current Arizona Golf Association, Davis-Monthan or Ladies AGA handicap. Competitors will play from their own tees, with their own group, at their own tee time. Call 8-3734 for more information.

Football Frenzy Mondays

Football Frenzy is every Monday at the



Lady champion

Elena Mahoney sports the trophy she received Dec. 1 after capturing the 18-Hole Ladies Commander's Cup.

Desert Oasis Club. Fans are invited to the club Mondays for NFL football, snacks, pizza, wings and beverage specials. Valuable local prizes will be given away every week. Members and their guests can win mini footballs, sports bags and pullovers and a \$150 MasterCard gift card. National prize winners go to the San Francisco-San Diego game Dec. 3, the Tampa Super Bowl Jan. 28, and the Honolulu Pro Bowl Feb. 4. Trips include airfare and hotel accommodations for two, and a rental car. Only club members (either club) are eligible for national prizes. Sponsors are SatoTravel, Miller Brewing Co., American Airlines, Comfort Inn (San Diego), Double Tree Alana Waikiki (Pro Bowl), and Air Force Clubs (no federal endorsement intended).

Skeet and trap open weekends

D-M's modern skeet and trap ranges open at 8 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays. Military shooters pay \$3 a round; civilians pay \$3.50. Per-round savings are available for purchasers of annual range fees. Ranges are at the east end of Yuma Road, adjacent to the small arms range. Call outdoor recreation at 8-3736.

Aerobics, exercise classes

The Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center offers a lineup of exercise and aerobics classes each week (instructor name in parentheses). Call 8-3714 for more information.

Monday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Aerobics (Rumiko); 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Tuesday - 8 to 9 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit training (Corinne); 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

Wednesday - 10:10 to 11 a.m. - Spinner (Corinne); 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Kick boxing (Corinne); 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Belly dancing I (Basheera); 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Belly dancing II (Basheera)

Thursday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Senior aerobics (Corinne); 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. - Step aerobics (Veronica/Rumiko); 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. - Training (Corinne); 5 to 6 p.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 6:10 to 8:10 p.m. - Kyokushin (Joseph)

Friday - 11 a.m. to noon - Step aerobics (Veronica); noon to 1 p.m. - Spinner (Steve); 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Kajukenbo (Paul)

Saturday - 10 to 11 a.m. - Step aerobics (Rumiko); 11 a.m. to noon - Spinner (Corinne)

Advertising

Scoreboard

Bowling

Intramural - American

(Week 14)

Team	W-L
MDG #2	70-34
42 ACCS #2	68-36
41 ECS #2	58-46
CONS	58-46
42 ACCS #1	56-48
41 ECS #1	54-50
MDG #1	54-50
355 OSS	42-62
43 ECS	24-80
High Scratch Game (Team): 41 ECS #1, 904	
High Scratch Series (Team): 41 ECS #1, 2518	
High Scratch Game (Men): Carl Miller, 264	
High Scratch Series (Men): Carl Miller, 615	
High Scratch Game (Women): Sondra Calley, 222	
High Scratch Series (Women): Sondra Calley, 651	

Intramural - National

(Week 14)

Team	W-L
SVS	65-39
12 AF #1	65-39
AMMO	64-40
AMARC	62-42
12 AF #3	54-50
MSS	52-52
TRANS	52-52
CRS	46-58
SUPS	44-60
25 OWS #1	44-60
COMM	40-64
358th	36-68
High Scratch Game (Team): SVS, 996	
High Scratch Series (Team): SVS, 2844	

High Scratch Game (Men): George Sansone, 269
High Scratch Series (Men): George Sansone, 671
High Scratch Game (Women): Samantha Carlson, 184
High Scratch Series (Women): Pam Boggs, 472

Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 13)

Team	W-L
Hit & Miss	62-42
OUI 3	55-49
Wee Bee Bad	55-49
The Monarchs	54-50
Ally Kats	52-52
Hot Cats	49-55
Dream Catchers	49-55
Soon's Runway	40-64
High Scratch Game (Team): Hit & Miss, 527	
High Scratch Series (Team): Ally Kats, 1401	
High Scratch Game: Hanna Jarvis, 204	
High Scratch Series: Diana Scott, 536	

Phantom Mixed

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
So So's	56-32
The Cajuns	55-32
Strike Force	54-34
Alley Oops	50-38
The Dizzy Four	49-39
Lucky Seven	49-39
Strikebusters	48-40
Six Pack	37-51
Sweet Revenge	36-52
Rat Pack	34-54
Avengers	34-54

OWC

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
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Lady Flyers	74-14
Coyotes	54-34
The Eastsiders	48-40
Splitsters	44-44
Snuffers	44-44
Alley Cats	40-48
KIDDS	40-48
High Scratch Game: Marlene Flyer, 184	
High Scratch Series: Marlene Flyer, 478	

D-M Pinrollers

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
Uh Huh Girls	62-26
Dreamers	51-37
Team 5	48-40
The Dream Catchers	46-42
Team 6	45-43
Annie's Girls	45-43
L-A-D-Y	44-44
Kachina Dolls	29-51
High Scratch Game (Team): Uh Huh Girls, 699	
High Scratch Series (Team): Uh Huh Girls, 1990	
High Scratch Game: Ahtaline Tolden, 203	
High Scratch Series: Gloria McKinney, 550	

CE Mixed

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
Just-4-Fun	52-20
Good, Bad & Ugly	52-28
The Cans	50-30
Fire Dawgs	50-30
BJ's Bunns	42-38
MILFs	38-26
Brew Crew	36-44
Old Timers	22-50
Now N Then	22-50
HVAC	20-20
High Scratch Game (Men): Brad Carroll, 207	
High Scratch Series (Men): Dave Kozma, 582	
High Scratch Game: Gail Johnson, 179	

Johnson, 179
High Scratch Series: Gail Johnson, 497

Thursday Night

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
Mission Impossible	64-32
Pick One	62-34
Desert Strikers	60-36
Four Seas	58-38
Prickly Pears	58-38
Lickity Splits	54-42
PBJs	52-44
Road Runners	44-52
Cool Cs	42-54
Nice N Spicy	40-56
BM's	40-56
Ice Breakers	40-56
Pintendos	38-58
Bucks N Does	20-68
High Scratch Game (Team): Pick One, 828	
High Scratch Series (Team): Four Seas, 2264	
High Scratch Game (Men): Les Claassen, 257	
High Scratch Series (Men): Les Claassen, 715	
High Scratch Game (Women): Lori Hubbs, 207	
High Scratch Series (Women): Joyce Vaughn, 523	

Friday Nite Fun

(Week 11)

Team	W-L
Wannabees	56-24
Double Trouble	49-31
3 Roses & A Thorn	44-36
More BS	43-37
The Misfits	42-38
AAFES	42-38
Just Us	42-38
Kum Cantasi	41-39
O Spare Us	38-42
Gutter Dusters	35-45
Just Havin Fun	30-42
High Scratch Game (Team): More BS, 764	

High Scratch Series (Team): More BS, 2150
High Scratch Game (Men): Gary Parker, 243
High Scratch Series (Men): Terry Snyder, 627
High Scratch Game (Women): Liz Parker, 223
High Scratch Series (Women): Kari Snyder, 517

Bantams

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
The Dragons	57-23
N Sync	53-27
Tigers	50-30
High Handicap Game (Team): Tigers, 766	
High Scratch Series (Team): N Sync, 636	
High Handicap Game (Boys): Cody Sechler, 195	
High Scratch Series (Boys): Jonathon Willis, 245	
High Scratch Game (Girls): Danielle Wayman, 74	
High Scratch Series (Girls): Alicia Jones, 238	

Preps/Juniors/ Majors

(Week 10)

Team	W-L
The Xtremes	62-18
Fox Hound	56-24
Alley Cats	46-34
Jaguars	43-37
Strikers	42-38
Desert Pros	40-40
Undertakers	39-41
Unlimited	38-42
The Bulldogs	34-46
N Sync Fireballs	32-48
Desert Strikers	30-50
High Scratch Game (Team): Fox Hound, 452	
High Scratch Series (Team): The	

Bulldogs, 1302
High Scratch Game (Boys): Tyler Johnson, 137 (Preps); Allen Ekstrom, 114 (**Juniors**)
High Scratch Series (Boys): Dale Phelps, 364 (Preps); Travis Cross, 414 (**Juniors**); Jason Wakefield, 476 (**Majors**)
High Scratch Game (Girls): Ashley Wakefield, 81 (Preps); Kendra Shorter, 117 (Juniors)
High Scratch Series (Girls): Rachel Ross, 302 (Preps); Ebony Wayman, 365 (Juniors)

Flag Football

Monday/ Wednesday

(Current as of Monday)

Team	W-L
MDG	7-0
SFS	6-1
CRS	6-2
COMM	5-2
162 ANG	5-3
43 ECS	4-4
TRANS	2-5
OSS	2-6
41 ECS	1-6
358 FS	0-9

Tuesday/Thursday

(Current as of Tuesday)

Team	W-L
SUPS	6-1
CES	5-3
43 OPS	4-3
12 AF	4-3
354 FS	4-3
357 FS	4-4
42 ACCS	3-3
25 OWS	3-3
EMS	3-4

Advertising



Chapel events

Protestant schedule

Today: Aim High Bible Study, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 annex. Call 889-1715 for more information.

Saturday: Couples' Bible Study, 7 p.m., call 749-5550 for more information.

Sunday: Contemporary Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Chapel 1; Sunday School, 10 a.m., Chapels 1 and 2; Traditional Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 2 annex; Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, 11:15 a.m., Chapel 1.

Tuesday: Ladies Bible Studies: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., (nursery provided), Chapel 1, or 11:30 to 12:30 p.m., Chapel 1; Singles Bible Study, 7:30 p.m., Building 3220; Bible Study for Moms, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Chapel 1.

Wednesday: Mid-week Bible Study, noon, Chapel 1; Promise Keepers Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron conference room in Building 4810; Prayer and Teaching Time, 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Youth Night, for middle and high school groups, 7 p.m., Chapel 1; Angel Bible Study and choir for elementary groups, 7 p.m., Chapel 1 classrooms;

Catholic schedule

Saturday: Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church, 4 to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Mass, 7:30 and 10 a.m., Chapel 1; Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m., Chapel 1.

Monday through Friday: Rosary, 11:10 a.m., Chapel 2; Mass or communion service, 11:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Wednesday: Rite for Christian Initiation 7 to 8:30 p.m., Chapel 1. For more information, go to www.dm.af.mil/chapel.

Islamic schedule

Today: Prayer service, noon to 2 p.m., Building 3220, third floor-west; educational classes, 6 to 8 p.m., Building 3220, third-floor west.



On-base clubs

Officers' Club

Evening dining is cancelled due to holiday parties.

Saturday: Barbershop is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; adults, \$13.95.

Monday: Make your New Year's Eve reservations at 748-0660.

Tuesday: Free potato bar, 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Free taco bar, 5 to 6 p.m.

Thursday: Free wings and poppers, 5 to 6 p.m.

Desert Oasis Enlisted Club

Today: Evening dining is cancelled due to

holiday parties. Catfish buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Karaoke is at 8 p.m.

Saturday: DJ in the Shock Wave, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Sunday: Cabana is open, 1 to 8 p.m.

Monday: Football Frenzy, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: BBQ Buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two-for-One Steak Night, 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday: Call now for New Year's Eve reservations, 748-8666.

Lunch is Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New Year's base celebrations

New Year's Eve parties this year are at the clubs and D-M Lanes. Officers' club members dine on a prime rib and lobster buffet, and enjoy a live swing band. A continental breakfast is served at midnight. Members and bona fide guests pay \$35; all others pay \$40 (cost for dinner only is \$18). Call 748-0660.

The evening begins at 8 p.m. at the Desert Oasis Club. Members and guests are treated to music, entertainment, prizes, snacks and more. At midnight, a split of champagne is served with breakfast. Members and bona fide guests are \$12; eligible non-members pay \$15. Call 748-8666.

At the D-M Lanes, \$20 a person buys unlimited bowling, music, games, prizes, champagne for every lane and a full breakfast at midnight. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call 8-3461 for reservations.

A number of rooms have been set aside at the Inn on Davis-Monthan for those who don't want to drive home after the party. Ask about rooms when you make party reservations.

Birthday meal

The Desert Inn's quarterly birthday meal is at 5 p.m. Tuesday for meal-card holders with October, November or December birthdays. Eligible diners may invite one guest, free of charge, to the steak dinner. For birthday meal reservations, call your first sergeant. Call the dining facility at 8-5501 or 8-3072 for more information.



Youth programs

Today: Teens can use Teen Bucks to buy merchandise.

Saturday: Basketball clinic, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at youth center. Youth center bike clinic, 2 to 3:30 p.m., call 8-8844.

Monday: Gymnastics classes at the youth center.

Tuesday: Youth center preteen movie and pizza, 6 to 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Primary trip to Winterhaven, 5:30 p.m., call 8-8844. Teen 3-on-3 hoops tournament at youth center.

Thursday: Youth center preteen/teen Frisbee Shootout, 6 and 6:30 p.m.

Bike safety

Children, age 7 and up, can learn bicycle safety and riding skills Saturday at the youth center. The free clinic is 2 to 3:30 p.m. Bring your bicycle. Call 8-8844 for more information.

Brunch with Santa

Children are invited to have brunch with Santa from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the youth center. Cost is just \$3. Kids can have their picture taken with Santa for \$2. Call 8-8465 for more information.



Community events

Today: D-M Lanes New Year's Eve party is \$20; RSVP at 8-3461.

Saturday: Shop Nogales with Information, Tickets and Tours, call 8-3700. Outdoor recreation goes to Peppersauce Cave, call 8-3736.

Sunday: Skeet and trap ranges open weekends at 8 a.m.

Monday: Lodging has rooms for rent, call 8-3230. Pet food drive at Veterinary Clinic, call 8-3529.

Tuesday: FamCamp social is at noon at the O' Club, call 747-9144.

Wednesday: Ship UPS from the skills center, call 8-4385.

Thursday: Call outdoor recreation at 8-3736 about Winterhaven hayride, Saturday.

Pet food drive


Bring pet food to the veterinary clinic for the 8th Annual Good Samaritan Pet Food Drive, sponsored by the Southern Arizona Veterinary Medical Association and Community Food Bank. The final day of the drive is Dec. 15. Come to Building 2712 weekdays or call 8-3529.

See Winterhaven

There are two ways to see the mid-town Tucson community of Winterhaven's festival of lights this month. A horse-drawn hayride is set for Dec. 16. Cost for the evening is \$15 per person. Participants can also walk through Dec. 19. Transportation is \$3 per person. For more than 50 years, residents of the area have decorated their homes, yards and streets with elaborate lighting and displays. More than 250,000 visitors see Winterhaven every year. Call outdoor recreation at 8-3736 for more information or come to Building 4430.

Santa suits

D-M's outdoor recreation center has Santa suits for rent. Complete outfits can be rented for just \$25 per day. Early reservations are needed. Reserve a Santa suit by calling 8-3736 or come to Building 4430.



Family support

Tuesday: Right Start, 8 a.m. to noon, community center, Building. 4201; Baby basics, baby development, noon to 2 p.m., community center, Building 4201; and Time for Tots, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Wednesday: Sponsorship Class, 9 to 10 a.m., community center, Building 4201.

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Thursday: Lieutenant's briefing, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., family support center, Building 3510; and Fun Time activity group, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chapel 1.

Volunteer opportunities

Designated Drivers Association of Tucson needs volunteers. Help save lives by patrolling local bars and night clubs, and driving patrons and their vehicles home. You must have a partner and a vehicle. Free drinks (non-alcoholic), no cover charges and discounts available. Contact Troy Wagner at 591-0327.

Our Town Family Center is sponsoring The Amigos Mentor Program that is a community based mentoring program that services youth between the ages of 10 and 18. Our Town Family Center, a non-profit social service agency that works with children, youth and families. The mentor program is dedicated to serving runaway and high-risk youth that are interested in developing sincere relationships and making real changes in their lives. The program is currently looking for responsible and dedicated adults, over the age of 21, who are interested in spending a minimum of one hour per week with a youth for one quick and priceless year. If you have any further questions, call Terri at 323-1708 ext. 140.

Tucson Parks and Recreation is sponsoring **Midnight Jam** from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 30 at the Tucson Convention Center. Adult volunteers are needed for teen dance party, parking lot control, booth staffing, covering entrance and exits, monitoring basketball and ping-pong activities, clean-up/take down. Contact Leslie Fisher at 791-4834 or Marty Rotter at 791-4873 ext. 127.

Transition Assistance seminar

A three-day Transition Assistance seminar is held monthly, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next seminar is Dec. 20 through 22. The seminar is a joint venture of the Department of Labor, the Department of Veteran's Affairs and the Department of Defense. All military members and their spouses within 180 days of separation or retirement are eligible to attend. Key subject areas covered include job search techniques, interview techniques, civilian dress and veteran's benefits. Its primary focus is on preparing departing service members to conduct an effective job search in the civilian marketplace. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations must be made for member and spouse as space is limited. If for some reason you cannot attend, call and cancel the reservation so others can attend. Call the

family support center at 8-5690 for information on time, dates and reservations.

Give Parents a Break

The next "Give Parents a Break" program is scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. Dec. 16. This program offers free childcare to active duty Air Force parents who need a break from the stresses of parenting for a few hours.

Families who are eligible for this program include those where a parent is feeling stress due to military member being deployed, recently moving to base or unique circumstances or hardships. For more information or a referral, call 8-5690.

Hearts Aparts Christmas party

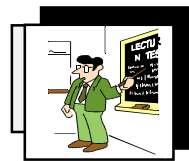
The Hearts Apart Christmas party is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 16 at family support center, Building 3210. To make reservations, contact the FSC at 8-5690.

Interview workshop

Attend the interviewing workshop Dec. 19 from 8 to 11 a.m. to help prepare for the job interview. The workshop will be held at the community center, Building 4201. For more information or reservations, call 8-5690.

Child care for PCS

The Air Force Aid Society's "Child Care for PCS" program is now available at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Co-sponsored by the family support center and the family child care program, families with permanent change of station orders are eligible to receive a "Child Care for PCS Certificate" from the family support center for use within 30 days of the family's departure from or arrival at the base. Child care is done in licensed family child care homes. This program is targeted at E-5's and below. Make an appointment to sign up by calling 8-5690. For information, contact Tom McCord or Rico Triana at 8-4024/6040.



Education services

New certification program

Beginning in January, Troy State University offers a computer certification program from Enterprise Solutions for mid- or upper-level managers who hire, evaluate or monitor the progress of computer programmers, web page designers or systems analysts. The program provides hands-on experience that gives personal insight into the time, effort and budget realities that drive information systems

technology. It will enable graduates to better manage information technology needs and the workforce that provides for those needs. Managers can enroll in the certificate program without being enrolled in a degree program. Register before Jan. 8. For more information, contact the TSU office at 748-2625.

Incentive for new students

New students starting a graduate program in January with Troy State University will receive a waiver on the \$50 application fee. Early registration for Term III is presently underway in Room 256, Building 3200.

Programs available include: Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Management, and Executive Master of Business Administration. In addition, a new computer certification program, Enterprise Solutions, will begin in January.

For additional information, call 748-2625 or email tsudmafb@flash.net.

Park University

Park University offers tuition assistance, veteran benefits and financial aid to assist students with their educational goals. Forms are available at the Park University office. For more information, call 748-8266.



Other agencies

Blood drive, save lives

The next Red Cross Blood Drive is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 15 in the community center. Donors should drink plenty of caffeine-free fluids 24 hours prior and eat a good meal two to four hours before donating. Appointments can be made by calling Master Sgt. Jill Goodwin at 8-4660 or by contacting the Red Cross at 917-2820. Walk-ins are welcome to come over as time permits. Stress balls will be handed out during this drive and drawings for free gifts will take place throughout the day. Volunteers are needed for set up, tear down, escort duty, canteen duty and the sign-in desk. So if you cannot donate, there are still opportunities for you to volunteer. The Bloodhound Award will be awarded to the squadron who has the most donors and the plaque is presented at the 355th Wing staff meeting. The winner of the last Bloodhound Award was 355th Component Repair Squadron. The goal for this drive is 150 pints. There is still a shortage of blood and we are coming up on a critical time of the year. This is a great opportunity to help save a life.

Advertising

Squadron reunion in 2001

The 22nd Military Airlift Squadron reunion will be held May 1 through 3 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Contact Ray Daley at (937) 323-6304 for more information.

Operation Dear Abby

Anyone who is interested in spreading goodwill and cheer to military men and women around the world this holiday season can do so through "Operation Dear Abby" now through Jan. 15, 2001. To ensure mail is received within the required time frame and adheres to the Department of Defense security guidelines, mail must be limited to first-class letter mail weighing 13 ounces or less. When sending mail to a specific location, people are asked to address it to the closest geographic hub, which will distribute the mail to all services in the area that it supports. The following are this year's address:

EUROPE AND SOUTHWEST ASIA
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
APO AE 09135

MEDITERRANEAN BASIN
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
FPO AE 09646

FAR EAST
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
APO AP 96285

PACIFIC BASIN
Any Service Member
OPERATION DEAR ABBY
FPO AP 96385

Operation Dear Abby is a program that began 16 years ago by Abigail Van Buren--known through her nationally syndicated column "Dear Abby." For more information, call the 355th Public Affairs office at 8-3204.

Vacation at Vandenberg AFB

Vacation At Vandenberg Air Force Base in December. Active duty military, DOD civilians on leave and retired military can make reservations now for today through Jan. 4 at Vandenberg Lodge, Vandenberg AFB, Calif., for a winter break. Prices are: \$21.50 per couple per night. Book now -- people can reserve up to seven days in the lodging facilities. The lodge has a host of exciting things to do at this breathtaking spot on the California coast. Email Sheila Carroll at sheila.carroll@vandenberg.af.mil, for a preview of your winter sojourn. Make reservations by calling DSN: 276-1844, or commercial: (805) 734-1111.

Stay in Tucson for the holidays

Starting Monday, accommodations at the Inn on Davis-Monthan can be reserved for the holiday season. Space-available reservations can be made with a major credit card for up to five days, from Dec. 22 through Jan. 3. Call 8-3309 during normal duty hours or 8-3230 (Ext. 0) at all other times.

Entertainment book

The new Entertainment book is on sale now at Information, Tickets & Tours. Two-for-one coupons are good at hundreds of local restaurants and fast-food locations, and other coupons offer discounts on travel, hotels, car rentals and other goods and services. Entertainment 2001 books cost \$35, and are valid through Nov. 1. Buy yours at ITT, in Building 4430, or call 8-3700.

Santas in Blue seeks donations

Santas in Blue needs donations of toys and bicycles by 4:30 p.m. today to support its gift-giving program for underprivileged Native-American children at local missions. To sponsor a child contact your unit Santas in Blue representative for a child's name or Staff Sgt. Lori Payton at 8-4305 or Capt. Christopher

Parker at 8-9684. The program also needs volunteers to help Santa deliver the gifts to the missions and donations of prepackaged cookies and presweetened Kool-aid for the Santas in Blue parties held at the missions.

ATM at the Base Exchange

Based on customer requests, there is now an ATM in the BX located adjacent to the cashiers cage. The ATM is provided by the Davis-Monthan Federal Credit Union for customer convenience.

Vehicle registration/base decals

Effective immediately, all Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members who have a 2000 expiration decal on their vehicle can renew their decals to 2003. Vehicles can be re-registered at pass and registration in Building 3200 and at the visitor center near the Craycroft Road gate. Bring your ID card, drivers license, registration, proof of insurance and current decal number when registering vehicles. Both offices are closed on the weekend. Call 8-3224 for more information.

Thrift Shop hours

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are taken until 1p.m. Call 8-2120 to reserve space for large items and furniture. The Thrift Shop is located in Building 3220 on Ironwood across the street from the bowling alley.



Movie theater

Today: Meet the Parents, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Saturday: The Little Vampire, (PG), 7 p.m.
Sunday: Pay It Forward, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
Dec. 15: Dr. T & The Women, (R), 7 p.m.
Dec. 16: Bedazzled, (PG-13), 7 p.m.
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